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Hi Mary and Julie,

We are quite busy with all sorts of complaints to follow up on. In addition to receiving UIPA types of requests for access to

our RUP certified applicator records and answers to our NOV's and warning notices for multiple offender for the period of 2007 to present by Hawaii reporter Jim Dooley.

Another person, Larry Gellert of Disappeared news wanting access to our RUP sales records and later on access to the list of RUP certified applicators.

Both Glenn Sahara and Steve Russo have conducted interviews with the Law Brothers. Frank & Tim, Thomas and Tony. Steve will follow up with investigations with another group of Laotian farmers alleged to have illegal immigrants working on farms and without proper pesticide training.

Last week our Chair Russell Kokubun called for a meeting to with the department's AG Haunani Burns and her boss Debbie Emerson. Included in this meeting was Avis, Steve Russo, Lyle Wong, myself, Jimmy Nakatani (Deputy Dir.) and a few others. The discussion focused on the pesticide enforcement branch continuing its investigation based on a written complaint from immigration attorneys Melissa Vicenty and Clare Hanusz. This letter was also sent to the Department of Health and Department of Labor.

As I mention previously about the meeting with the Honolulu Police Department and the immigration attorney Vicenty and reporter Malia Zimmerman and others, the HPD Captain suggested that Vicenty present a power point presentation on their finding and concerns to the US Federal Marshal, C&C of Honolulu Prosecutor, FBI, ICE , US Dept of Labor and other agencies. With the intent that a task force be formed and a strategic plan evolve in addressing issues on illegal immigration, pesticide use/misuse, labor/wage, and living conditions.

To date, we have not been contacted for such a meeting.

Our HDOA has decided to proceed with its pesticide complaint investigation and not wait for this meeting to happen. Again no indication from any hospitals or doctors concerning pesticide related deaths reported to us or the Department of Health.

I have attached our 1st quarter report.

Aloha,

Tom & Staff

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